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Consultations

We provide details of data and technology consultations which may be of interest to our subscribers. Note that the documents which support these consultations have not yet been reviewed nor endorsed by the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB).

[Implementation of electronic fit notes in secondary care](#)

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is consulting on the proposal to add a Statement of Fitness for Work ("fit note or Med 3 form") template to secondary care IT systems.

A digital version of the fit note was successfully introduced to general practice in 2017, and DWP now proposes to extend the use of digital fit notes to secondary care organisations and clinicians, replacing the existing manual, clerical system that is reliant on pads of fit notes ordered from DWP. The proposal will remove a barrier to issuing fit notes in secondary care settings, improving the responsiveness to patient requirements.

Consultation on this proposal is being undertaken as part of the assurance process set by the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) for subsequent publication as an information standard under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Feedback is sought from all interested parties, including clinicians, informatics staff, system suppliers.

Closing date: 24 January 2022

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Assurance activity

You can now view a list of the standards and collections that are undergoing assurance by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS) and due to be presented to upcoming DAPB meetings on our [standards assurance activity web page](#).

If you have any queries about items undergoing assurance and would like to speak to one of our assurance advisors, please contact us at standards.assurance@nhs.net quoting the DAPB number of the items.

Kind regards,
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